Assembly would reduce itself into a debating society or a mutual admiration society as it had done on the present occasion. Mr. Bhashyam Aiyangar was perfectly right in saying that soon after the Dewan's Address, the House should proceed to the business on the agenda straightway. Otherwise the House would merely be wasting its time. It might be that some members appreciated the work of the Government and wanted the existing system of the Government to be perpetuated, but other members who thought otherwise would be justified in saying that all was not well with the Government and that one and the same Dewan should not continue in office for all time to come. He did not see why anybody should object to the latter class of members giving expression to their own views. At the same time, he would ask the members to consider whether Responsible Government would ever come about at all in the State if the present system of Government alone continued for all time. If the Dewan, for example, had to continue in future also, the speaker asked what place the elected Chief Minister would have. This was all the question raised by the members of the Congress party through Mr. Bhashyam Aiyangar. So he appealed to the House to patiently listen to any member of the Congress party expressing his views on behalf of his party.

No doubt Mr. Gangoji Rao, himself a member elected by a small interest, had referred to a certain speech of Mr. Bhashyam Aiyangar made on a previous occasion in terms appreciative of the Government and the Dewan. But everybody was aware of the vast change which had come over the State and its political life within the last one or two years. As a result of this, public opinion in some quarters had undergone a change. There was no reason for anybody to object to that opinion being expressed in the House. However hoarse members like Mr. Gangoji Rao, Mr. Muniswami Iyer and Mr. Malliah cried, it was undisputed that to-day the name of the Congress was mentioned with respect and its word also commanded respect everywhere. They were not empty words that the Congress was uttering at the present time in the country. The Congress wanted that Responsible Government should be established in the State at the earliest possible moment. The speaker was glad that the Government had appointed a committee to consider the question of constitutional reforms. Let that committee consider the question of Responsible Government also and make its recommendations as soon as possible. Let the ministers to come be elected by the sixty-five lakhs of His Highness' subjects.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Gersoppa Hydro-Electric Project.

Q.—3. **Messrs. C. N. NARASINGA RAO** and **B. L. BYANNA**, Bangalore City Municipality; **T. MADIAH GOWDA** and **SIDDE GOWDA**, Channapatna Taluk; **B. CHOODE GOWDA**, Closepet Taluk; **Gurukar VENKATARAMANE GOWDA, V. L. CHAME GOWDA** and **S. KARIAPPA**, Kankanballi Taluk; **B. MALLAPPA**, Nelamangala Taluk; **R. DASAPPA** and **A. HANUMANTHARAYAPPA**, Devanahalli Taluk; **K. NARAYANA SETTY**, Magadi Municipality; **B. MUNIVENKATAPPA, A. G. RAMIAH REDDY** and **N. APPANNA REDDY**, Bangalore Taluk; **K. P. PARASIVIAH**, Kankanhalli Municipality; **Patel HONNASIDDIAH** and **T. THIMMARAYAPPA**, Magadi Taluk; **Patel VEERE GOWDA** and **Patel HANUME GOWDA**, Dodballapur Taluk; **Patel NARAYANA GOWDA** and **GURUSWAMY GOWDA**, Hoskote Taluk; **H. S. SURYANARAYANA RAO** and **B. M. MUNISWAMAPPA**, Special Interests; and **S. MUNIVENKATAPPA** and **A. DASAPPA**, Minorities.—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the estimate for the Gersoppa Hydro-electric Project;

(*b*) in how many years it is expected to be completed;

(*c*) whether tenders have been called for or will be called for for the purchase of all machinery and plant in connection with the said project from Germany, England and other places; whether the purchases will be made from the firms which give the lowest tenders?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT. (Diwan Bahadur N. N. Ayyangar).**—

(*a*) Rs. 150 lakhs.

(*b*) The project works are expected to be completed in about 2½ to 3 years.

(*c*) Tenders on all machinery and plant required for the project will be invited after sanction to the project is accorded by Government, by advertisement in the *Gazette* and newspapers in India and Europe, from all manufacturers in all parts of the world and will be disposed of on merits.

Mr. C. N. NARASINGA RAO.—With reference to answer to sub-section (*a*), may I know whether the estimate for Rs. 150 lakhs is the final estimate or whether estimates for any portion of the works have yet to be prepared?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—This is the amount for which administrative sanction has been accorded. The detailed estimate is still under preparation.

Mr. C. N. NARASINGA RAO.—When do the Government expect to commence work?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—Preliminary work has already been taken on hand.

Mr. C. N. NARASINGA RAO.—How can the work be taken up without estimates being sanctioned?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—A preliminary estimate for carrying out the surveys for preparing the detailed project has been sanctioned. The detailed plans and estimates, etc., will be prepared after the surveys are completed.

Mr. C. N. NARASINGA RAO.—Is it a fact that tenders will be called for only from a few firms?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—No. When detailed specifications are ready, tenders will be called for from all important suppliers of machinery.

Mr. C. N. NARASINGA RAO.—As soon as each stage of the work is decided upon, why not tenders be called for for that particular stage?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—That is not the correct procedure. The detailed estimates and specifications must first be completed for the whole and then alone tenders can be called for.

Mr. C. N. NARASINGA RAO.—It looks from the answer to sub-section (*c*) that even when tenders are received from several firms, the lowest tender will not be accepted. Is that not the meaning of the words that "tenders will be disposed of on merits"?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—It is not always safe to accept the lowest tender. It is necessary that Government should accept the tenders of firms in whom they have confidence and who would be capable of carrying out the terms of the contract in a satisfactory manner.

Mr. B. L. BYANNA.—In answer to sub-section (*b*), Government have stated that the project works are expected to be completed in about 2½ to 3 years. How have the Government proposed to provide funds for the works?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—The works will be financed from loan funds.

Mr. B. L. BYANNA.—Is a fresh loan under contemplation in connection with this work?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—Not to the full extent.

Mr. B. L. BYANNA.—When will the work actually commence?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—Preliminary surveys have already been started. Two lakhs of rupees have been sanctioned for this purpose.

Mr. B. L. BYANNA.—Provided proper supervision is ensured, what is the harm in accepting the lowest tender?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—If the materials used are not satisfactory and if there be trouble on that account, who is to be held responsible? For this reason orders for the supply of machinery will have to be placed with reputed firms.

Mr. Tudki RAMANNA GOWDA.—What is the estimated return from this project?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—For the present, I may state that the return is expected to be above 6 per cent.

Mr. KRISHNA RAO GANESHA RAO GURJAR.—In case orders for the supply of machinery happen to be placed with German firms, will it be possible for the Government to secure orders for Mysore coffee as a reciprocal arrangement?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—Government are not certain which firm will get the order. The Stores Purchase Committee will consider all such points.

Mr. T. MARIYAPPA.—How much power is expected to be generated when the project is completed?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—20,000 H. P.

Mr. T. MARIYAPPA.—Which are the towns to be served with electricity when this scheme is completed?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—Bhadravati and many other places within a reasonable distance.

Mr. T. MARIYAPPA.—Is the power generated at present at Sivasamudram not sufficient to meet the demand at Bhadravati?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—No. An Aluminium Factory and many other industrial concerns are likely to spring up in that area, and additional power from this project also will be quite necessary. There are also many other places which require power for lighting. All these demands will be met from the project now undertaken.

Mr. K. VENKATAGIRI RAO.—Is there any idea of supplying power generated at Gersoppa to places outside the State?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—It can be done if necessary. In fact there is an understanding to supply about 5,000 H.P. to the Bombay Government.

Mr. K. VENKATAGIRI RAO.—Will the return be satisfactory?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—Yes. The rate will be fixed after a careful consideration.

Facilities for the Jatra at Ghati Subrahmanya.

Q.—5. **Messrs. Shampur PAPANNA, S. MUNIVENKATAPPA** and **A. DASAPPA**, Minorities; **T. MADIAH GOWDA** and **SIDDE GOWDA**, Channapatna Taluk; **B. CHOODE GOWDA**, Closepet Taluk; **C. N. NARASINGA RAO** and **B. L. BYANNA**, Bangalore City Municipality; **Gurukar VENKATARAMANE GOWDA, V. L. CHAME GOWDA** and **S. KARIAPPA**, Kankanhalli Taluk; **B. MALLAPPA**, Nelamangala Taluk; **R. DASAPPA** and **A. HANUMANTHARAYAPPA**, Devanhalli Taluk; **K. NARAYANA SETTY**, Magadi Municipality; **B. MUNIVENKATAPPA, A. G. RAMIAH REDDY** and **N. APPANNA REDDY**, Bangalore Taluk; **K. P. PARASIVIAH**, Kankanhalli Municipality; **Patel HONNASIDDIAH** and **T. THIMMARAYAPPA**, Magadi Taluk; **Patel VEERE GOWDA** and **Patel HANUME GOWDA**, Dodballapur Taluk; **Patel NARAYANA GOWDA** and **GURUSWAMY GOWDA**, Hosakote Taluk; **H. S. SURYANARAYANA RAO** and **B. M. MUNISWAMAPPA**, Specia Interests.—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the income derived for the last 10 years from the annual *jatra* held at Ghati Subrahmanyaswami in Dodballapur Taluk, Bangalore District;

(*b*) the amount spent by the Government in connection with the said *jatra*;

(*c*) the annual savings out of the income derived from the *jatra*;

(*d*) whether it has come to the notice of Government that much inconvenience is felt as there is no bridge across the rivulet "Bandihalla" near the *jatra* ground;

(*e*) if it has come to the notice of Government, the reasons for not utilising any amount for affording facilities both to the pilgrims and the cattle though there are funds available out of the income derived from the *jatra*?

A.—**The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, GENERAL DEPARTMENT (Mr. C. Subrahmanya Aiyar).**—

(*a*) to (*d*) A statement is appended. (Appendix.)

(*e*) A road dam with slabs for the wheel tracks has been constructed, and the inconvenience reduced.

Mr. Shampur PAPANNA.—From the statement furnished in answer to subsections (*a*) to (*d*), it is seen that the expenditure is more than the income. Was this additional amount provided from the State Funds?

Mr. C. SUBRAHMANYA AIYAR.—As stated in the remarks column of the statement, Rs. 6,000 has been borrowed from one of the temples, and spent on water works.

Mr. Shampur PAPANNA.—Are the Government aware that the facilities already provided are not quite adequate?

Mr. C. SUBRAHMANYA AIYAR.—Proposals to provide improved facilities are under consideration.